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SUBJECT: NIGERIA AND CHAD: JOINT BORDER CONTROL OPERATION LAUNCHED

REF: (A) LAGOS 10837 (B) ,DJAMENA 2747 (NOTAL)

1. NIGERIAN PRESS REPORTS NIGERIAN-CHAD JOINT PATROL OPERATION LAUNCHED THIS PAST WEEKEND AT SPECIAL CEREMONIES BAGA KAUWA IN NIGERIA, BAGA FALA IN CHAD. EACH SIDE OF FRONTIER WILL HAVE EIGHTEEN-MAN PATROL, CONSISTING EQUAL NUMBER NIGERIANS AND CHADIANS. BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON PATROLS AND IN ADDITION NIGERIA WILL BE REPRESENTED

BY IMMIGRATION

AND FISHERIES OFFICIALS, CHAD BY WATER AND FORESTRY MEN.

AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN REACHED ON SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR FISHING AND IMMIGRATION.

2. COMMENT: INAUGURATION OF JOINT PATROL OPERATION IS PROMPT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION LAST MONTH'S ACCORD BETWEEN

HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO AND PRESIDENT

MALLOUM TO ESTABLISH JOINT

CONTROL POST AND JOINT COMMITTEE TO END IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF
BORDER CLASHES. REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW DILIGENTLY TWO PARTIES
FOLLOW THROUGH ON REST OF AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IMPLIED PROMISE
TO SEEK CLOSER COLLABORATION IN OTHER AREAS.

3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY N'DJAMENA'S ASSESSMENT (REF B) AND AGREE
THAT NIGERIANS HAVE TENDED

RELEGATE CHADIAN RELATIONSHIP TO
BACK BURNER IN PAST. WITH RESOLUTION RECENT BORDER PROBLEMS

APPARENTLY

WELL UNDERWAY, ONE MIGHT WELL ASSUME NIGERIAN
INDIFFERENCE WILL REASSERT ITSELF.
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